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Expressing the sense of the Senate that the Secretary of State should aggressively pursue the release of political and religious prisoners in Vietnam.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. GRAMS (for himself, Mr. DOLE, Mr. HELMS, and Mr. THOMAS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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Whereas there are many outstanding issues between the United States and Vietnam, including a full accounting of MIAs/POWs; pursuit of democratic freedoms in Vietnam, including freedom of expression and association; and resolution of human rights violations;

Whereas the Government of Vietnam continues to imprison political and religious leaders to suppress the nonviolent pursuit of freedom and human rights;

Whereas the Government of Vietnam has not honored its commitments under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant of Civil and Political Rights;

Whereas two American citizens, Mr. Nguyen Tan Tri and Mr. Tran Quang Liem, are among those recently sentenced to prison terms of 7 and 4 years, respectively, for their efforts to organize a conference, after 2 years of detention without charge; and

Whereas these two Americans are in poor health and are not receiving proper treatment: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate hereby—

2 (1) urges the Secretary of State to pursue the
3 release of the American prisoners as well as all polit-
4 ical and religious prisoners in Vietnam as a matter
5 of the highest priority;

6 (2) requests that the Secretary of State submit
7 regular reports to the Committee on Foreign Rela-
8 tions of the Senate regarding the status of the im-
9 prisonment and wellbeing of the two American pris-
10 oners; and

11 (3) requests that the President meet with rel-
12 atives of the two Americans at his earliest conven-
13 ience.

14 SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit
15 a copy of this resolution to the President and the Sec-
16 retary of State.

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